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Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 18, 31 and 32 to correct a clear informality relating to a lack of antecedent basis for the term “tethering system.” Applicant has amended these claims to recite “tension-mooring,” as is recited in claim 16 as previously amended. This amendment was discussed with and approved by the Examiner in a telephone conference held on December 7, 2009. This amendment presents no new matter and does not necessitate any additional search. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment prior to issuance of the present application.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-4364.

Respectfully submitted,

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